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La Peña Cultural Center

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Tues. 12 - 5 pm &
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Cultural Center Calendar January 1997

General and Ticket Information

For programs that indicate that advance tickets are available, you may purchase those tickets at our store, La Tienda, up to 5 pm on the day of the show. **We now accept charges by phone.** You may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we'll send you the tickets.

Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. During concerts, we ask that you not leave or enter the hall while the performance is in progress. **Parking may be difficult during some performances**. Please do not block driveways or park in blue zones. As in any urban area, please hide all valuables and be alert to your surroundings.

DOM - SUN	LUN - MON	MAR - TUE	MIER - WED	JUEV - THURS	VIER - FRI	SAB - SAT
			1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** La Peña, La Tienda, & Cafe Vox Populi, wish you all a happy new year! The cultural center is closed today. We look forward to your continuing support and patronage for 1997.	**2** No evening event scheduled Cafe Vox Populi is open for dinner from 5:30pm La Tienda is open from 12-8pm	**3** No evening event scheduled Cafe Vox Populi is open for dinner from 5:30pm La Tienda is open from 12-8pm	**4** **Sat. Morning Children's Program 10:30am** **La Tienda is open from 12-8pm** **Cafe Vox Populi is open from 5:30pm**
5 **Sunday of Rumba** with Judith Justiz. Demonstration of Afro-Cuban folkloric dance with student dancers. Open rumba with audience. Benefit for Judith Justiz Family Health Fund **4pm $5** **Meet the Author: Danny Romero** Los Angeles native, and author of Calle 10, a gritty novel that gives an unprecedented look at the world of the young urban Latino, will read and sign books,. **7:30pm Free**	**6**	**7**	**8** **CAFE POETRY** Jazz & Poetry Luke Trent, Mike Shea, and Kate Peper Open mic to follow Hosted by Blake Tolbert 7:30pm $2 donation **Water From the Well** ***a vocal workshop with Imani*** Ideal for singers, poets, writers, actors or anyone who wants to explore the power of the voice. Uncover creative ways to express your voice as a tool for self liberation and healing. **7-10pm $10-20 sliding scale***	**9** **CHECK OUT THE BACK OF CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE OF FREE CLASSES**	**10** **CONCERT** **Guerrilla Queens** An evening to experience the depths of hip hop culture with Zion I, Rising Sun Productions, Lady Blue, and spoken word griot Omolara. Visual art provided by Fantomexx. **8pm $5**	**11** **Sat. Morning Children's Program 10:30am** **CONCERT/PERFORMANCE** **Thoth** Winner of a 1996 SF Weekly WAMMIE, Thoth is a musical experience using theater, dance, and ritual. Their sound has been called "a blend of all the nomadic tribes in the world." Composed of violins, bass, percussion, and vocals, their music emanates sensuality and beauty. **8pm $8**
12	**13**	**14**	**15** **CAFE POETRY** Poetry Writing Workshop Weaving and spinning words into poetry. Facilitated by Nina Serrano and Diane Wang 7pm $2 donation	**16** **SLIDE PRESENTATION** **Priestesses** A look at women's spiritual powers as drummers, dreamers, diviners, curanderas and the leadership of holy women in liberation movements internationally. Presented by Max Dashu of the Suppressed Histories Archives. **7:30pm $5–10**	**17** **SPOKEN WORD EVENT** La Peña and Outhouse Productions presents Underground Survivors featuring **Mystic Journeymen** a spoken word, hip hop show and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mystic Journeymen was voted best live act of 1996 in Europe's #1 rap monthly HHC **8pm $5**	**18** **Sat. Morning Children's Program 10:30am** Roe Vs. Wade 24th Anniversary Celebration.featuring the Irrationals. Benefit for Feminist Women's Health Ctr. **3pm $12-$15*** **Wild Mango** This seven woman ensemble blends the rhythms of the Caribbean, Latin America, and Middle East, with the finest of contemporary American jazz. The group brings new songs and sounds. **8pm $10 (adv. tixs available at La Tienda)**
19 **Groovin on a Sunday Afternoon 3-5pm $5 donation** ***Natica Angilly's Poetic Dance Theater Company & Dances w/Words. 3-5pm $5 donation*** **CONCERT** **The Mollys** The quintet plays original music that reflects the roots of the group's singer/songwriters Nancy McCallion and Catherine Zavala. The two traditions of Irish and Chicano are deeply reflected in their music. **8pm $10**	**20** Monday Jan. 20 our offices will be closed today to honor M.L.K. Jr.'s Birthday "I have come to understand and to dedicate myself to the community of his dream, the righteous revolution implied by his ardent reaching for economic and social justice." – June Jordan from her book of poems,Technical Difficulties.	**21**	**22** **CAFE POETRY** Book Party for Richard Moore's *The Belle Curve - when a woman's on top* Open mic to follow 7:30pm $2 donation	**23** **CHECK OUT THE BACK OF CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE OF FREE CLASSES**	**24** **BENEFIT EVENT** **maganda Magazine & Asian Health Services present** An evening of spoken word, music, dj, dance and more. Join artists of color to reflect on our narratives and experiences here in "amerika". Spon. by maganda Magazine & Asian Health Services. **7:30pm $5-$10 sliding scale ***	**25** **Sat. Morning Children's Program 10:30am** **CONCERT** **Jennifer Berezan & Sharon Burch** Jennifer Berezan's songs is a journey of change, loss, injustice, healing, and transformation. She performs songs from her upcoming album Refuge. Navajo singer/songwriter Sharon Burch blends Navajo lyrics with folk-style melodies. Her recent album Touch the Sweet Earth received an INDIE award. **8pm $12 adv. tickets at La Tienda**
26 CONCERT A night of hot music from 3 new bands. **Tatenda!** performing traditional music & dance from Zimbabwe; **The Bongo Brothers**, women's percussion group playing Afro-Cuban and African rhythms. **Oyango** playing a mix of funky rock & world beat rhythms. **7pm $8-12 sliding scale***	**27** **¡Coming Feb 21 to La Peña!** **Manny Oquendo y Conjunto Libre** **Two Shows 8:30 pm & 11pm**	**28**	**29** **CAFE POETRY** Special guest featured reader and host Omolara - poetic "rhythmatist" and griot. An evening of powerful provacative poetry. Open mic to follow 7:30pm $2 donation	**30** **CHECK OUT THE BACK OF CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULE OF FREE CLASSES** Rafael Manríquez offers free guitar lessons sponsored by La Peña Cultural Center and the California Arts Council Artists in Residence Program.	**31** **CONCERT** **Rafael Manríquez,** *Cantor Viajero* Welcome back from Chile, California Arts Council artist-in-residence, composer, singer/songwriter, Rafael Manríquez. He will be singing numbers from *Canto a Gabriela* his latest CD and many new compositons. **8pm $8 gen. $6 students**	

La Peña Children's Programs

Jan. 4: Plum City Players featuring Bonnie Lockhart, Nancy Schimmel, and Ann Hershey.
Jan. 11: Boogie Down Jugglers features humor and artful juggling
Jan. 18: Latin American music and song with singer/pianist/composer, Juanita Newland-Ulloa performing songs from her Canta Conmigo recording.
Jan. 25: Local favorite Gary Lapow performs a benefit concert for the John Muir School.

Programs begin at 10:30am
$3 adults • $2 chiildren

La Peña gratefully acknowledges funding support for our programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission; Berkeley Civic Arts Commission; California Arts Council, a state agency; East Bay Community Fund, Fleishacker Foundation, James Irvine Foundation; LEF Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency that supports the visual, literary and performing arts to benefit all Americans; Target, Vanguard Public Foundation; and Zellerbach Family Fund.

The Mollys

Sunday Jan. 19 • 8pm

The Mollys play an eclectic mix of Irish, Mexican, and American folk music using traditional instruments. Nancy McCallion and Catherine Zavala grew up in the blue collar, primarily Latino south side of Tucson Arizona where Mexican-American mariachi and country western music were prevalent. Their current recording This is My Round is receiving national air play.

La Tienda at La Peña

A not for profit community store

Get Organized!–All Calenders 30% off!

New Books:
Victory Martinez, *A Parrot in the Oven*; *Homenaje a Nuestras Curanderas*, Published by Latina Press; *Bone Black*, *Memories of Girlhood* by bell hooks; *Eulogies* by Amiri Baraka; *The Silver Cloud Café* by Alfredo Vea Jr.

New Music: Ilu Orisha, Ritmo y Candela II, Havana Club, De Allá Pa'ca, Afrocubanisimo, the latest from Mercedes Sosa - Escondido en Mi Pais, the latest from Inti-Illimani - Arriesgaré La Piel

Coming Feb. 21, Conjunto Libre

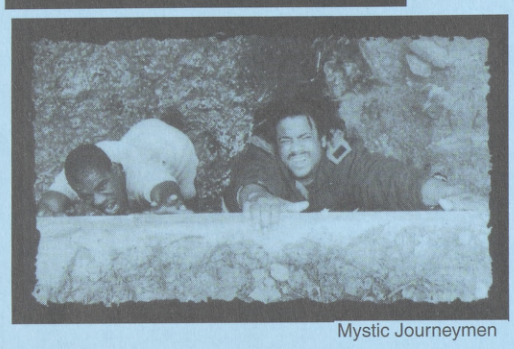
JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Danny Romero
Sun. Jan. 5 • 7:30pm • Free
Meet the Author

Reading and book signing with author Danny Romero author of Calle 10. "Calle 10 has the voices: the drugged-out and mad-crazy, the double-down and double-out, the soot-stained pilgrims of cheap roms an anywhere-you-can-get them highs. I recognize this place, chicanesque and locote, especially while listening to a Santana guitar lick or a rhumba beat. Calle 10 draws so intimately from all-too-real worlds spread across this fair-haired country of ours. Romeros' great achievement is to make art out of all this." – Luis J. Rodriquez

Calle 10 is available for purchase at this event and at La Peña's not-for-profit community store, La Tienda.

Progressive Hip Hop



Mystic Journeymen

Olomara, Guerrilla Queen, Jan. 10

Fri. Jan. 10 • 8pm and Fri. Jan. 17 8pm

Socially relevant hip hop with Guerrilla Queens on Jan. 10 and Mystic Journeymen on Jan. 17.

Thoth

Photo: Romaine

Sat. Jan. 11 • 8pm

Winner of a 1996 SF Weekly WAMMIE, Thoth is a musical experience using theater, dance, and ritual. Their music emanates sensuality and beauty.

Wild Mango

Sat. Jan. 18 8pm

Fiery and passionate, the music of Wild Mango defiantly ignores musical boundaries to create a lyrical and infectious rhythm beyond simple description.

Jennifer Berezan and Sharon Burch

Saturday Jan. 25 • 8pm

Giving voice to issues of the spirit, the earth, love and politics this rare double bill features two of today's finest singer/songwriters. Jennifer is known for her strong rhythmic guitar work, original song writing and exquisite voice. Sharon Burch has developed a national and international reputation for her blending of Navajo lyrics with folk style melodies. Her latest recording received an INDIE award for Best Album of North American Native Music.

Rafael Manríquez

Fri. Jan. 31• 8pm

Rafael Manríquez performs songs based on the *nueva canción* tradition. Tonight he features songs from his album, *Canto a Gabriela*. plus many new compositions. Rafael is C.A.C. artist in residence and offers free guitar workshops at La Peña. (check our schedule).

Support La Peña's Winter Fundraising Campaign!

Since 1975, La Peña (gathering place) has celebrated the diverse cultures that make up the Americas. La Peña offers a variety of cultural programs, free classes, and arts in the schools, and remains firmly committed to presenting programs that address the issues of racism, social and economic inequities, the environment, gender and sexuality, and other important issues that impact all our communities. If you value our contribution to the cultural and political life in the Bay Area, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution.

❑ ***Yes, I want to help support La Peña's cultural activism for Social Justice! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.***

❑ $1000 ❑ $500 ❑ $100 ❑ $50 ❑ $30 ❑ $_____

❑ Please charge my gift to my VISA / MASTERCARD (circle one)

Account#_____Exp. Date _____Signature _____

❑ I would like to become a La Peña bill-of-the-month supporter.

Enclosed is my first monthly pledge of $_____(minimum monthly pledge $5)

❑ Please send me the calendar for free for six months. ❑ I'm interested in volunteering. Please call me.

❑ **Please send me the calendar for one year. Enclosed is $10 to cover the cost of mailing.**

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Call Elena Serrano at 849-2568, ext.11 for information regarding electronic funds transfer, a painless way to make a monthly donation.

Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples and points of view.

NEW FALL CLASS SCHEDULE AT LA PEÑA

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. Enrollment is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call (510) 849-2568 Ext. 16, M - F 12 - 5 pm. (TS = Theater Space, CR = Community Room behind La Tienda.

MONDAYS

South American Music Ensemble - Free - **New Class**
(6:00 - 9:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez
Open to singers, guitar, charango, quena, zampoña and other instrumentalists.

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion – Free
(6:00 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago
Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome.

Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion – Free
(7:30 - 9:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

TUESDAYS

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro - Free
6:00 – 7:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Latin American Ensemble – Free
(7:00 -8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago
This class needs participants; flutes, guitars, bass, violin, voice and other instruments.

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro - Free
(8:00 – 9:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Latin American Chorus – Free.
(8:00 – 10:00 pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes.

WEDNESDAYS -

Beginning Latin American Guitar - Free - **New Class**
(6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

Intermediate Latin American Guitar - Free - **New Class**
(7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

Advanced Latin American Guitar - Free - **New Class**
(8:00 - 9:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez

EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY

Poetry Writing Workshop – Nina Serrano and Diane Wang invite aspiring and established writers to participate in this open workshop/reading every third Wednesday. Workshop begins at 7pm- $2 donation

THURSDAYS

Beginning Afro-Cuban Rhythms
(5:30-7:30pm, CR) Instructor Guillermo Céspedes , $25/4 or $7 for 1 class

SATURDAYS •

A capella Singing, (11am – 2pm, CR) Instructor Joey Blake, FREE

Ad Space Available

La Peña's calendar reaches people who are concerned about global social justice issues and support diversity in all aspects of life. Ad space limited to not-for profit activities. Cost: $35 a column inch. For more info. call our ad dept. at 849-2568 ext. 17.

Faces of Cuba

Travel this Spring!
March 27th - 5th thru
Chabot College.
call 510.786.6958
for info.

Volunteer at La Peña

Volunteers participate in La Peña's programs by staffing evening events, working on special publicity and outreach projects, assisting special publicity and outreach projects, providing daytime clerical support, and doing light carpentry. **There is a minimum time commitment of two evenings a month**. College students may be able to earn credit.**La Peña relies on volunteers in order to maintain its tradition of cultural activism for social justice and continue its presence as a community resource.**

If you are interested in volunteering please attend a volunteer orientation meeting. Volunteer orientations are held every 2nd Wednesday from 6-7pm. The next orientation is: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1997, 6-7pm. For more info. and to RSVP to the orientation please call Elena Serrano at 510-849-2568 ext. 11.

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SPANISH

- ♦ **REGULAR WEEKDAY CLASSES —$115/month**
  Twice a week for 1 1/2 hrs., mornings and evenings
- ♦ **REGULAR SATURDAY CLASSES — $75/month**
  Two hours every Saturday
- ♦ **INTENSIVE CLASSES — $300/month - $125/week**
  3-5 days, 3 hrs./day, 9 - 12 noon or 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- ♦ **SPECIAL CLASSES — $75/month**
  Social Work-Health & Writing-Literature. Tues. & Wed. 7-9 pm
- ♦ **WEEKEND WORKSHOPS — $90/weekend**
  10 hrs., Saturday & Sunday 10-2 pm
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  Learn-travel "La Ruta Maya" Chiapas, Guatemala, Belize & Yucatán
- ♦ **GIFT CERTIFICATES**
  2 days/week, 1.5 hrs./class, a $60 Value for only $30!!
- ♦ **SPANISH TUTORING —** *$23 for 1 hr. or $30 for 1 1/2 hrs.*

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